

2011-12
Procedures for Completing
Certificate of Eligibility
(COE)

In order to count a migrant child as an eligible migrant student, all of the following steps must be completed:

1. Print a copy of the COE to be used for compiling information on the migrant students/family. Each family will have their own COE. A copy is sent to the Department of Education and the original is kept at the District.
2. Read the Instructions for Completing the Certificate of Eligibility and the Addendum for the Race/Ethnicity Questions.
3. Comments must be entered in the Comment Box (IV on the COE form) for Items 2bi, 4c, 5, 6a & 6b of the Qualifying Move & Work Section)
 - a. If you have entered information for any of the above items, you must include a comment as further documentation.
4. Signatures of parents and interviewers are not required for the COE copy that is sent to the State for review/approval. However, these signatures are required for the COE copy that must be kept at the District.
5. Even though the signatures are not required on the state copies, COEs that are sent to the State need to include the name of the interviewer and the name of the parent.
6. Check the spelling of the names of student and family. Incorrect spellings raise eligibility issues and can cause misidentification of the student(s).
7. Complete the Grade Level/Building Column completely.
 - a. Each child must have a grade level listed.
 - i. If the child is a preschooler, enter PK 2.
 - ii. If the child is 2 or younger, enter PK 1.
 - iii. If the child is not enrolled in school, but is of school-age, enter OS.
 - b. Each child must have a building of attendance identified. Every school building in Iowa has an identification number –this number should be entered in the Grade Level/Building column. Do not enter the building name.
 - i. Exceptions to the building requirement: Students identified as PK 1 or OS. If students identified as PK 2 attend a District preschool program, enter the building number.
8. The Code column refers to verification of the child's birthdate. Refer to page 5 of the Instructions for the appropriate code to be used.
9. Definitions:
 - a. Qualifying Arrival Date is the date that the student(s) completed the move to your community.
 - b. Residency Date is the date that the student(s) enrolled in your District.

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